MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Better qualified persons have been recruited in preference to persons having inferior qualifications.

Minor Irrigation works in the Nedumangad taluk.

3. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the people have petitioned that the Kulavikottu *chira* and Kakathottil *ana*, as they exist now, are not at all useful for paddy cultivation;

(*b*) whether water cess is being collected for the *chira* and the *ana* from the owners of paddy fields and garden lands in Karipon and Nedumangad *ela*;

(*c*) whether the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has not personally inspected both the *chira* and the *ana*;

(*d*) when he inspected them;

(*e*) what his recommendation was;

(*f*) whether the Government have accepted his recommendation; and

(*g*) whether Minor Irrigation officers have inspected both the *chira* and the *ana*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Half contribution is being realised from the ryots on account of the works.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) On 27-8-1934.

(*e*) The recommendations of Heads of Departments to Government are confidential and cannot be disclosed.

(*f*) Government after consideration of his report have ordered to stop the excess collection of the cess and to rectify the mistakes in the list.

(*g*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know when the *chira* and *ana* referred to in part (*a*) of the question were executed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): In 1106 and 1108, respectively.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the officer in charge of it just before and after the completion of that work said that the work will not be useful? Was there any representation from the ryots about this?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there was any representation from the public?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes. There was a representation from Mr. S. J. Nair also.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the date of that representation?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The honourable member himself can answer the question. He should know when he sent the representation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): A word of explanation. I do not know when the *chira* and *ana* were completed. I ask whether there was representation to the effect that the work will not be useful.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have not the information here and therefore I requested the member to answer the question himself.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): A point of explanation, Sir. I never asked any question whether I made any representation. My question was whether the Government or the Chief Engineer had received any representation either prior to or after the execution of the work to the effect that it will be useless.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have not the materials to furnish the answer ready here, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know why in the face of the answer to part (*a*) that the *chira* and *ana* will be useless, half contribution is being realised from the ryots?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The member is referred to the answer to part (*f*) where it is stated that the collection of the cess has been stopped. I am not sure that the honourable member is correct when he says that the *chira* is useless. It is understood that it could be improved.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. It has already been answered in part (*a*) that the *chira* is useless. Now the member does not admit it.

PRESIDENT: That is not a point of order.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is a point of explanation. I repeat my question.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The question in part (*a*) is whether the people have petitioned that this *chira* as it exists now is not useful for paddy cultivation. The answer is that they have petitioned. That does not mean that the Government admit that the *chira* is useless.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government have realised that the *chira* and *ana* are useless now?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a matter of opinion.

Magistrate's Court in Nedumangad.

4. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a site has already been selected to construct the proposed building to locate the Magistrate's Court at Nedumangad; and

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